

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF
**Ss. CYRIL &
METHODIUS**

WWW.SSCMDP.ORG
125 HALF HOLLOW RD, DEER PARK, NY 11729

5th SUNDAY OF LENT

March 17, 2024



SAINT PATRICK (March 17)

St. Patrick's Day falls smack dab in the middle of Lent and, for many, is seen as a "day off" from Lent. A quick search for St. Patrick's Day activities reveals mainly opportunities to color shamrocks, leprechauns, rainbows, and pots of gold; very little of spiritual value is offered. As catechists, we can still have fun with our young people on St. Patrick's Day while also teaching something of spiritual value. Here are a few brief ideas, constituting your next Lenten Activity.

St. Patrick, was held as a slave in Ireland for 6 years. Upon gaining his freedom, he entered the Church and then decided to return to Ireland, holding no grudge. St. Patrick's Day, therefore, is a good opportunity to focus on the idea of forgiveness and letting go of grudges.

St. Patrick is responsible for the con-

version of countless numbers of people. Lent, of course, is a time of conversion for all of us. St. Patrick's Day is a good opportunity to focus on our own call to conversion.

St. Patrick is known for his famous prayer: the Breastplate of St. Patrick. St. Patrick's Day is a great opportunity to introduce young people to this prayer and to invite them to take it to heart (memorize it).

St. Patrick was a missionary and St. Patrick's Day is a perfect day for inviting our young people to pray for missionaries and to learn about Catholic missionary activity.

St. Patrick is known for using a 3-leaf clover to explain the Trinity...use this day as an opportunity to help young people understand the Mystery of the Trinity: Three Persons in One God – a loving community of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

On St. Patrick's Day, we celebrate all things Irish. One popular symbol of Irish her-

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Readings and Songs this Sunday

No. 1029 in the Blue Gather Hymnal

1st Reading: **Jeremiah 31:31-34**

2nd Reading: **Hebrews 5:7-9**

Gospel Reading: **John 12:20-33**

LITURGICAL MUSIC for the Holy Mass:

The Time of Fulfillment

Unless a Grain of Wheat

I Am the Bread of Life

Forgive Our Sins

(All Masses except Sunday 6pm)

#783

#945

#965

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday during Lent,
12:45pm



And on **GOOD FRIDAY** join us for the **OUTDOOR Stations of the Cross** on **DEER PARK AVENUE** at **12:00 Noon** returning to the Church about **2:30pm** Make this tradition part of your Triduum this year.

In the event of inclement weather, we will pray the stations in the Church.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday: 8:00 am, 9:30 am: Family Mass - LIVESTREAM,
11:00 am, 12:30 pm
4:00 pm (Vietnamese Mass) & 6:00 pm

Weekdays: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Saturday: 8:30 am

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE

Please check the Bulletin and the Parish Website.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: (Confessionals)

Monday, Wednesday & Friday: after the 12:15 pm Mass

Saturday: 4:00 pm - 4:30 pm

and by appointment by calling the Parish Office

PARISH OFFICE

Tel: (631) 667-4044

Fax: (631) 667-6237

Email: parishoffice@sscmdp.org

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Saturday

9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

4:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Sunday - closed

Parish Social Ministry Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Other hours by appointment only.

Email: socialministry@sscmdp.org

BAPTISM: Saturday at 12:30 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Contact the Parish Office to arrange for an interview and to register for the required preparation class.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements should be made at least six months in advance and prior to wedding reception plans. Call the Parish Center to make an appointment for the initial intake.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Holy Communion are ministered by appointment to those confined to home. Contact the Parish Office to schedule a visit by a Eucharistic Minister.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK: Saturdays after the 8:30 am Mass (inform priest before Mass or request for it after Mass). In an emergency, call the Parish Office to request a priest. Outside office hours, call (631) 667-4044, Ext. 9.

PASTORAL STAFF: (631) 667-4044

Rev. Gius Garcia, *Pastor*, Ext. 121

Rev. Christopher Deh, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 165

Rev. Patrick Grace, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 166

Rev. Paul Bersamin, *Associate Pastor*, Ext. 170

Rev. Gregory Cappuccino, *Occasional Help*, (Retired)

Deacon John F. Fitzpatrick, Ext. 124

Deacon James A. Murano, *Liturgical Music*, Ext. 127

Ms. Carol Tannehill, *Rel Ed Coordinator*, Ext. 145

Mrs. Janet McEnany, *OFS, Social Ministry*, Ext 105

Mr. Timothy Leitch, *Youth Ministry*, Ext. 154

Deacon Philip A. Mills, Jr. *Business Manager*, Ext. 110

PARISH TRUSTEES

Tom Richardson

John Grieb



Mrs. Joan Ann Loring, Ext. 122

Parish Secretary / Bulletin Editor

Mrs. Marianne Saffran, Ext. 115

Baptism & Wedding Coordinator

Ms. Allison Taibi, Ext. 111

Bookkeeper

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	March 18
7:00 AM:	Frank and Frances Giambanco
8:30 AM:	Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
12:15 PM:	Mercedes and Edward Hinchey
Tuesday	March 19
7:00 AM:	Damian Aiello II
8:30 AM:	Matilda Amend
12:15 PM:	John and Helen Michalisin
Wednesday	March 20
7:00 AM:	Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
8:30 AM:	Henry and David Cartwright
12:15 PM:	Mariana Antonio
Thursday	March 21
7:00 AM:	Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
8:30 AM:	Rebecca Guerin
12:15 PM:	Laura Kase
Friday	March 22
7:00 AM:	For Dionna Graham's intentions
8:30 AM:	Barbara Ann Renz
12:15 PM:	Edward Thomas Laine
Saturday	March 23
8:30 AM	Purgatorial Society
5:00 PM:	Richard, Marcellina, and Michael Solomita, John F. McKeon, Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta
Sunday	March 24
8:00 AM	Stora and Zilary Families
9:30 AM	Sally Breslawski
11:00 AM	Dorothy Kelly, Rev. Msgr. Francis X. Gaeta, and for Mark Dixon's intentions
12:30 PM	Eneas Talbot
6:00 PM	Dorothy Mallon

PRESIDERS FOR NEXT WEEK'S MASSES

Saturday,	March 23
5:00 PM:	Fr. Gregory Cappuccino
Sunday	March 24
8:00 AM:	Fr. Gius Garcia
9:30 AM:	Fr. Paul Bersamin
11:00 AM:	Fr. Christopher Deh
12:30 PM:	Fr. Patrick Grace
6:00 PM:	Fr. Gius Garcia

REST IN PEACE

Lois Biscardi, MaryAnn Mahon, Margaret E. Duffy, Josephine Bitetto, Michael Hayes

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Joseph Patrick Daly, Corinne Elizabeth Morrone

AVAILABLE MASS INTENTIONS

April 1 -	7:00 am
April 3 -	7:00 am
April 4 -	8:30 am
April 5 -	7:00 am, 8:30 am
April 8 -	7:00 am
April 10 -	7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm
April 12 -	7:00 am
April 15 -	7:00 am, 8:30 am
April 16 -	8:30 am, 12:15 pm
April 17 -	8:30 am, 12:15 pm
April 18 -	7:00 am, 8:30 am
April 19 -	8:30 am
April 22 -	7:00 am, 8:30 am
April 23 -	7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 pm

Please see or call the receptionist during office hours to offer Mass intentions for family members and loved ones, living or deceased.

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Kathleen Jacobi, JRV, Leonard Caltabiano, Joyce Ratushny, Kristen Tonnesen, Ralph Viera, Brendan Gould, Virginia Gennusa, Olivia Marie Marc Baboff, Carmine Lagattuta, Cassandra Dawson, Kristy Denes, Baby Marina Grace, Donald Martino, Ann Scardino, Pat Henry, Baby Ryan Thomas Racioppo, Crystal LaCalamita, AnnMarie Bufalino, Maureen Booth, Loretta Gleeson, Ken Mannale, Providence Henry, Grace Rapuano, Catherine O'Neill

We ask that you email jloring@sscmdp.org or leave a message

PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN & WOMEN

Kyle Chanley US Army

We will only publish 5 names at a time for 2 weeks to highlight them. We will publish their names 2x after that they will be taken down. This is to make room and accommodate more names that we could publish. Email jloring@sscmdp.org if you want a name included.

FROM THE PASTOR

itage is the Celtic Cross. Invite children to create a paper Celtic Cross. St. Patrick's Day does not have to be a day off from Lent; it can be a wonderful opportunity to teach about our Catholic faith.

SAINT JOSEPH (March 19)

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being an upright man and wanting to spare her disgrace, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when suddenly the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit.

...from cover page

A few verses in Matthew and Luke tell us all we know about St. Joseph. They provide just enough information to demonstrate why he was the divine choice to become the husband of Mary and the foster father of Jesus. Joseph was genealogically perfect for these roles. A distant descendant of King David, he gave Christ the King his royal lineage. Joseph also came from the right hometown. He was from Bethlehem, the city that Scripture predicted would produce the messiah (see Micah 5:1).

And as a carpenter (see Matthew 13:55), Joseph was poor—Christ's condition of preference.

Scripture portrays Joseph as open to God, obedient, upright, and, above all, kind. The saint displayed all of these qualities in his handling of Mary's surprise pregnancy. Imagine the confusion of emotions that must have flooded him when Mary confided that she was going to have a baby by the Holy Spirit! As a devout observer of the law, Joseph knew that he might have to repudiate his betrothal. But his kindness and confidence in Mary prevented his taking such a harsh step, which would have shamed her. It may have even put her in danger of capital punishment (see Deuteronomy 22:20–21). Joseph must have agonized over his decision, praying intently about it. Finally he decided to divorce Mary quietly. But Joseph was open to God, and in a dream a divine messenger told him to take Mary home as his wife. Joseph did exactly as he was told.

Joseph's wise dealing with Mary is a model for us when we face complex moral and personal issues. He subordinated his feelings to do what God required. He was open to whatever God wanted, and when he sensed the divine will, he obeyed.



Stewardship

MARCH 10, 2024

Regular Collection	\$16,833.50
Online Giving	\$ 1,320.02
Total	\$18,153.52

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024

Goal \$125,200

\$30,673.50 Pledged 24.50% of Parish Goal

VANCO
FAITH

PARISH FINANCIAL CONDITION

This week we are up **+ \$1,153.52**

We are still running a deficit of:

Year to date: **(- \$17,388.29)**

We anticipate a deficit this year but we hope we do not come down to that. The only way this can be prevented is if we slowly increase our weekly contribution and support fundraisers in the coming months.

Please consider whatever way you can to support upcoming fundraisers:

Msgr. Ted Rooney GOLF OUTING in June
Family Festival in August



Rev. Msgr. Thaddeus Rooney Memorial Golf Outing & Dinner

Thursday, **JUNE 13, 2024** + Timber Point Country Club, Great River

Sponsored by **MANGANO FUNERAL HOME, INC.**

Honoring:

FR. JOSEPH BAIDOO

FR. BRIAN BARR

(Former Associate Pastors of the Parish)



PRIZES INCLUDE: Closest to Pin, Closest to Pin
Second Shot, Longest Drive (60 and over, 70 and
over, 80 and over and 60 and under).

SPONSORS NEEDED FOR:

Tee/Greens: \$110

Flag Sponsor: \$150

Driving Range: \$300

Beverage Cart: \$800

Golf Carts: \$900

Cocktail Hour: \$900

Dinner: \$900

Dessert: \$900

Barbeque: \$900

We need prizes for our raffles:

Gift Cards

or Store Gift Certificates

in the \$10 - \$25 range.

New bottles of Liquor.

FOR MORE INFO,
PLEASE CALL:

Sal Mangano

(631) 586-3600,

Mike Conboy

(631) 539-8932,

Rosemarie Brady

(631) 681-6336,

Joe & Teri Schiano

(631) 595-1709,

Carol Tannehill

(631) 988-9906,

Dcn. Phil Mills

(631) 667-4044 X 110

\$170.00 per golfer
(Soft Spikes required),

Lunch, Green Fees,
Beverage Cart, Dinner
& Cocktails

\$75.00 Dinner only

12:00 PM Lunch and Registration

2:00 PM Shotgun Start

6:30 PM Cocktail Hour at SSCM

7:30 PM Dinner, coffee, tea and dessert

ALL FLAG ORDERS DUE BY MAY 16 ALL MONEY DUE BY JUNE 6

Please find enclosed a check payable to:

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, c/o Dcn. Phil Mills, 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park 11729

In the amount of \$_____ to cover the cost of #_____ golfers.

Names: _____

Item sponsored: _____ Amount \$ _____

FAMILY FAITH FORMATION AND RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Ash Wednesday is **February 14** and is the beginning of the **Season of Lent**. We encourage our children to follow the 3 disciplines of Lent: **PRAYER, FASTING** and **ALMSGIVING**. We have lined up more intense prayer activities for our children throughout the season and are preparing for a Special **Children's Station of the Cross** (details coming soon). And for all Sundays of Lent, we encourage our children to participate in a Lenten practice of **Giving Up** (*fasting*) and **Giving** (*almsgiving*) in a campaign we call:

KIDS helping KIDS

Each week during Lent we are asking our children to bring an item to be donated to Parish Outreach. The kids already do this and yet we want families not just to bring random items but specific items that kids have for meals and snacks and share them with those in the community who have less or none. Each week we ask our children to bring a specific item(s) to make a difference to another child in need in our own neighborhood. We ask parents to take time to explain to them the value of giving up and sacrifice and also of becoming aware of those who are less fortunate and what they can do to help.

(3/10) WEEK 4: Pancake Mix

(3/17) WEEK 5: Your favorite Snack

(3/24) WEEK 6: Easter basket treats

Please put your donations in the basket in the sanctuary at the beginning of the 9:30am Family Mass.

EASTER EGG HUNT



Easter Sunday

March 31st

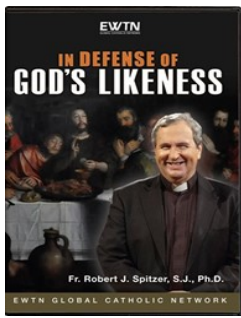
After the 9:30 AM

Family Mass

at the GAZEBO

Mini Bagells will be served

**Sponsored by
Knights of Columbus**



Many try to fight against the culture of darkness, but Fr. Robert Spitzer's solid strategy for creating a culture of life succeeds. In *Defense of God's Likeness* details a hierarchy of rights, the four levels of happiness, the proper resolution of rights conflicts, proof-positive evidence of the human soul, and much more.

Join Father Grace on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm in the Father Behan Hall

BLACK CATHOLICS MINISTRY

If anyone is interested please contact Donna Dixon at 631-664-5692.

ALTAR SERVERS

We are looking for boys and girls in 3rd grade or above to become part of our Altar Server Ministry. For more information call Father Christopher Deh at 631-667-4044 ext.165.

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Monday evenings at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. Maintaining social distancing practices we gather weekly to recite the Novena near the statue of Mary. Make this powerful 20 minute prayer an essential and routine part of your spiritual life. Let our Blessed Lady intercede for your needs to her son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

FLAME OF LOVE DEVOTION

Will gather in the Church every **Friday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.** Our Mother is begging for our help! Won't you say yes? Any questions call Anna Mancini at 631-586-5214.

RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

Join the Rosary Altar Society every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. You may tune in to the communal recitation of the Rosary on ZOOM CONFERENCE as led by the members of the Holy Rosary Society of Saints Cyril and Methodius. Download the **Zoom app** on your phone or login to **zoom.us Meeting ID: 82505467253** and **Password: TV369x** Any questions call Leslie Barra at 631-586-1663.

THE LOVE OF CHRIST CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

Meets every **Tuesday from 1:00pm to 3:00pm in the Senior Room.** Any questions call Lucille at 631-586-2438.

USHERS

Ushers are needed at all Masses. If you would like to help out at the Mass you attend then please call Paul Coppola at 631-587-9649 for more information.

GREETERS

Greeters are needed at all Masses. If you would like to greet at the Mass you attend then please call Cathie Taibi at 917-597-1559.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

For more information call Diana at 845-428-2272.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - "We Help People"

Happy St. Patrick's Day!

In the Gospel today, Jesus says "Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honor whoever serves me." When we help the poor, we are truly followers of Jesus, servant of the poor.

Is there a family or someone you know who may need assistance in addressing rent, utilities or other crucial bill arrears, or needs assistance with furniture or clothing, please have them email us at sscmstvincentdepaul@gmail.com or call and leave a message at 631-667-4044 ext. 175. You will receive a call back from one of our volunteers using a blocked number. Please answer the phone so we are able to assist you if we can.

If you would like to donate clothing, the bins on the north side parking lot of the church are for clothing only. To donate furniture, please call 631-858-0380 or visit www.svdpli.org for additional information.

ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY

Our next meeting will be **Monday, April 1st in the Fr. Behan Hall at 7:30 p.m.** This is our Baby Shower meeting. Any questions call Alba Barra at 631-274-5570.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY COLUMBIETTES

Our next meeting will be **April 8th at 7:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of the Rosary #4428 Council. If you would like to become a member please call Inez Schillinger, President at 631-586-2176.

Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiette Membership Drive - If you would like to become a member please contact Donna Daly, Admissions Chairperson at 631-667-0503 or Inez Schillinger, President at 631-586-2176.

OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

We meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. Please call Grand Knight Dan Thompson at 646-529-4850 if interested in becoming a member.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Join us every first Saturday of every month for Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8:00am followed by the 8:30am Mass and recitation of the rosary. **The next First Saturday of the month is April 6, 2024.** Any questions call Annette Arena at 631-661-9109.

SS CYRIL AND METHODIUS HOLY NAME SOCIETY

Our next 6 Hour **Defensive Driving Course** is **April 13th** in the Fr. Behan Hall. Coffee and bagel breakfast at 8:30am donated by Mangano Funeral Home. Pizza lunch provided by Shannon Macleod Elder Law Attorney. Space is limited. No Walk Ins allowed. If you would like to sign up for the Defensive Driving Course, please contact Phil Hogan at 631-667-9148.

SENIOR CLUB

Our next meeting will be on **April 2, 2024 at 2:30pm** in the Father Behan Hall. Come join us for an informative and fun filled meeting. Any questions call Mary Indelicato at 631-667-2998.





" As Christians, we do not only receive a vocation individually; we are also called together. We are like the tiles of a mosaic." - Pope Francis

Your donation to the Catholic Ministries Appeal supports vocations in our diocese.

Ordained in 2023, Fr. Steven McClernon spoke to us about what his goals are as a priest in our Diocese and how your support has helped him to accomplish this!

"This year's CMA theme, Revitalizing our Faith -- Renewed by the Eucharist, relates to my vocation as it was fostered through Eucharistic Adoration. I see the People of God revitalized and renewed in their faith when I celebrate Mass. I see how people really love receiving the Eucharist. During Covid when we were separated from receiving the Eucharist, it was a difficult time for many. Now seeing the people back to church, and receiving the Eucharist, I am renewed in my faith and I know God's people are revitalized by the true presence of God in the Eucharist.



The CMA has been greatly influential in my life. One of the ministries it supports is the Holy Hours for Vocations at the Seminary. We gather young people from across the Island to hold Eucharistic Adoration. During my college years, this experience was a big part of my faith and my decision to become a priest. The Catholic Ministries Appeal has helped foster my vocation to the priesthood."

Please make check payable to the **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

Name: _____ Parish: _____

Address: _____

City, State and Zip Code: _____

Telephone number: Home _____ Cell: _____

Signature: _____

To make a donation, you can also visit <https://www.drvc.org/CMA/> or call us at 516-678-5800 ext. 296.

Thank You!

HOLY WEEK

MARCH 24 — 31, 2024

PALM SUNDAY, March 24 – (Regular Sunday Mass Schedule)

HOLY MONDAY, March 25

Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

Confessions: 2:00 - 4:00 pm; 6:00 - 9:00 pm

HOLY TUESDAY, March 26

Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

4:00 pm – **Chrism Mass**, St. Agnes Cathedral

(Please check www.drvc.org for TV coverage and livestream)

HOLY WEDNESDAY, March 27

Masses: 7:00 am, 8:30 am, 12:15 am

HOLY THURSDAY, March 28

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Vigil/Solemn Adoration until 11:00 pm

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

12:00 noon – **Outside Stations of the Cross**

3:00 pm – **Service** (Livestream)

7:00 pm – **Service**

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30

8:30 am – **Morning Prayer** (Livestream)

8:00 pm – **The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night**

EASTER SUNDAY, March 31

8:00 am **Mass**

9:30 am **Mass** (Livestream)

11:00 am **Mass**

12:30 pm **Mass**

NO 6:00 pm Mass

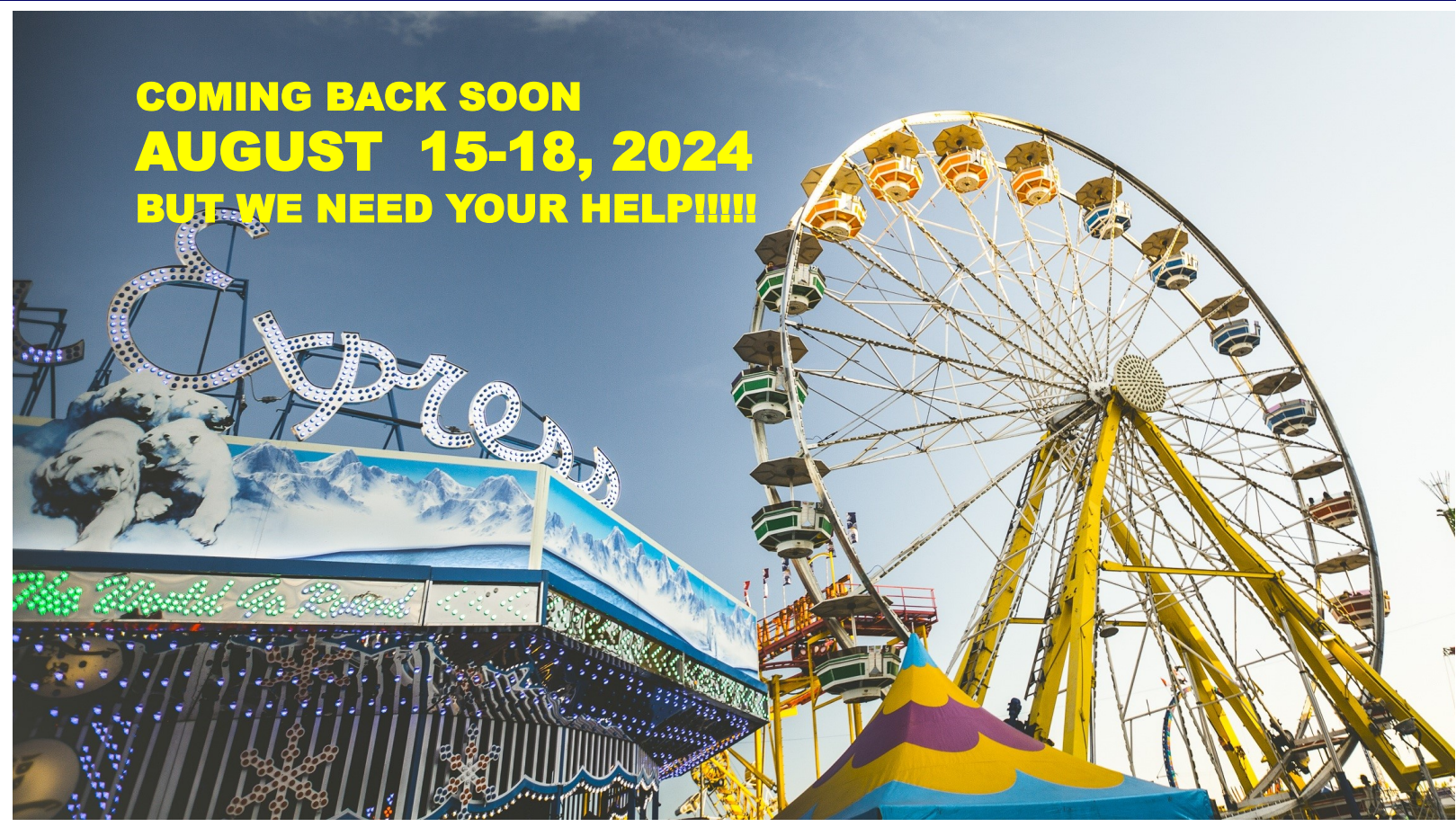
Reconciliation Monday

Monday, March 25th

Experience the liberating grace of the
Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance).
Confessions will be available in every
Catholic Church in the Diocese of Rockville Centre
from 2 - 4 pm & 6 - 9 pm.

To find a parish near you, visit: www.drvc.org/maps

**COMING BACK SOON
AUGUST 15-18, 2024
BUT WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!!**



LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING

SPRING 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for all those who are beginning as Ministers. This “BASIC” training is required for all Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One must attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A Lector Workshop is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion - Part A:**
Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Sat., April 27 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.
Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion - Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., April 27* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

*On **April 27**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.

WON'T YOU BE MY NEIGHBOR

Our *Reach Out* committee of 5 has been slowly contacting our parishioners to update our records and see what needs they have. We can use more help in making these calls. See below on how to volunteer.

We have had requests for receiving the bulletin at home and also a friendly visit to those who can't get out. Won't you be a *neighbor* and drop off a bulletin to someone in your *neighborhood* on the way home from church.

Can you spare a bit of time to stop in and visit a *neighbor*, it would be so welcome.

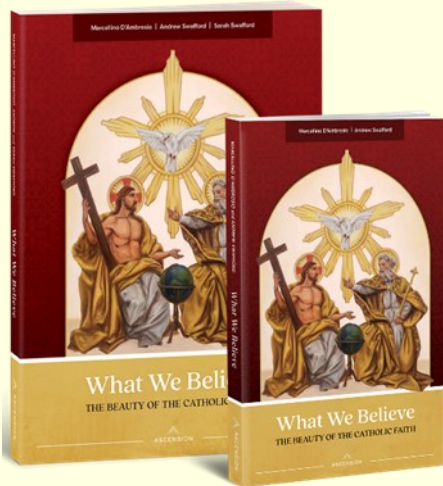
Please call Kerry Brennan at 631 586 6294 to help

Discover the Amazing Riches of the Catholic Faith

What is the Catholic Church all about? What does it mean to be Catholic? What do Catholics actually believe?

The Catholic Church is extraordinary. Founded by Christ himself, the Catholic Church is where we encounter God in his Word, his sacraments, and his saints. The Church faithfully proclaims the fullness of faith, leaving no truth out. It proclaims the fullness of life, leaving no person out. It calls all to repent and to believe in God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the source of all life and salvation.

Maybe you've been Catholic your entire life. Maybe you're just beginning to explore the Catholic Faith. Wherever you may be in your journey, you will be profoundly moved by the beauty and the richness of the Catholic Church.



Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, beginning April 3, 2024 in Father Behan Hall

For more information and **to register** please call Marianne Grimaldi at 631-463-7886

***deadline to register for workbook & textbook is March 6, 2024, \$25.**


Registrants thereafter, welcome to participate and watch the videos at class.

EASTER DECORATING

We will be decorating the Church for Easter
on Saturday, March 30th
after Morning Prayer at 9:00 a.m.

If you have any questions, please call or text
Tim Leitch at 631-806-4715.

Respect Life



“Each of us is the result
of a thought of God.
Each of us is willed,
each of us is loved,
each of us is necessary.”

-Pope Benedict XVI

March, Developmental
Disabilities Awareness Month



Friday, April 12, 2024 Doors Open 6:30pm
Ss. Cyril and Methodius Fr. Behan Hall

No Experience Necessary!

All you need to do is roll dice and socialize!
Bring Your Friends!

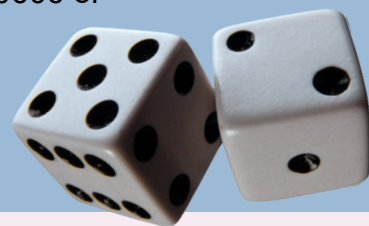
Coffee, Tea & Refreshments
Prizes and Lots of Laughs Included

Tickets Must Be Purchased In Advance
\$20 per person NO Refunds

For Tickets Contact Bobi Lukenovich 631-576-6899 or Donna Ryall 516-885-0606 or
Geri Cavanaugh 973-479-4234

Drop Off At KofC Att: Bunco or Rectory Att: Columbiettes (Bunco)

Hosted by Our Lady of the Rosary Columbiettes
Location: Ss. Cyril & Methodius -Fr. Behan Hall
Proceeds will be donated to one of our charities.



SAVE THE DATE

On April 14, 2024 there will be a special liturgy at the 12:30 p.m. Mass
to honor the sacrament of marriage. This celebration will be extraordinary, since we will honor
couples who are celebrating anniversaries of 1 year, multiples of 5 years, or more than 50 years, during 2024.

If you have any questions, please contact: Marianne at ext.115 or Joan at ext.122

All married couples wishing to attend this liturgy should email the information to
msaffran@sscmdp.org or jloring@sscmdp.org by April 8, 2024.

The Diocese of Rockville Centre
GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASSES
Honoring Couples Married Fifty Years

The Diocese of Rockville Centre would like to honor those couples who celebrated Fifty Years of marriage in 2024 by inviting them to attend one of the Masses below for a special blessing.

Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

The Cathedral of St. Agnes, Rockville Centre
Celebrant: Most Reverend Andrzej Zglejszewski

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 16, 2024

Sunday, May 5, 2024, at 3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Patchogue
Celebrant: Most Reverend Robert J. Coyle

Registration must be received by Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Register on line at drvc-faith.org

For questions, please contact Lisette Robustelli, Associate Director at 516-678-5800 ext. 200 or via email at lrobustelli@drvc.org

Meets every Sunday After the 6:00 pm Mass

Meeting point at the Breezeway before proceeding to the Parish Youth Center at the second floor of the SSCM Pastoral Center.

FAITH + FRIENDSHIP + FUN + SERVICE

**PARISH YOUTH
MINISTRY**

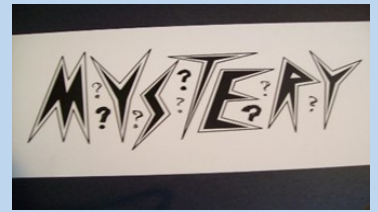
Contact: Tim Leitch
631-6674044
timleitch@aol.com





LAST CHANCE !

Society of St. Vincent de Paul
invites you to the
Who "Dunn" it Wedding
at the Speakeasy



Join the fun and help solve the mystery during this live interactive performance.
1920's attire encouraged



Saturday April 6, 2024
6 – 10 pm
Fr. Behan Hall



Ss Cyril and Methodius Church 125 Half Hollow Road, Deer Park

Ticket cost: \$65 per person

Admission includes beer, wine, soda, dinner, dessert, and show.

(21 and over)

No ticket sales at the door. Space will be limited.

Name of attendees: _____ Tel No. _____

No of tkts: _____ Amount Enclosed: _____

Checks payable to SVDP Drop off at Rectory: Attention SVDP or mail to above address
Contact Jane McMahon (516) 816-1930 or Kerry Brennan (631) 586-6294

ADORATION
OF THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT

Every Wednesday from
1:00pm to 6:30pm
in the Church Crying Room.

Any questions call Carol Matos
at 1-813-323-8602.



Parish Social Ministry

We have been signing up new families almost every week. We are so blessed that our parish is so generous to allow us to be able to help so many families. Last month we welcomed 9 new families.

In February we were able to provide food and basic needs of living to 1316 over the course of the month.

We are happy to report that we are now getting donations from the newly relocated Panera Bread company. Stanley's Bakery in East Islip donates to us every week as well.

We received a lot of items in the bins that we had to throw away. Once again we are asking that things do not get put in the bins that are past dated or fragile. Such as bread that winds up in the bottom of the bin and so becomes unusable. We also received many refrigerated items that must be thrown out as well.

Please call and I will be happy to meet you if at all possible to accommodate your schedule.

If anyone is receiving a free turkey or ham for Easter that they will not be using we would love to have them to distribute for Easter dinner for the families.

Don't forget the Catholic Health Services Bus is coming April 16th in the Social Ministry parking lot from 9am to 2pm.

Janet

PANTRY NEEDS:

FOOD

1. White Rice
(We have plenty of Brown Rice)
2. Ritz Type Crackers
3. Pasta or Spaghetti
4. Cookies
5. Mac and Cheese

6. Canned Tuna Fish
7. Canned Chicken
8. Spam
9. Shelf stable juice (Lidl has the best price on Apple Juice)
10. Sloppy Joe Mix
(Manwich type in a can)

NON FOOD ITEMS

1. Paper Towels
2. Body Wash
3. Women's deodorant
4. Women's shave cream
5. Men's deodorant
6. Men's shave cream
7. Shampoo
8. Conditioner
9. Bar Soap
10. Dish Detergent
11. Toilet Paper

If you shop in dollar tree the flour, sugar and oil are the perfect size.

We are in need of the following for our once a month and once every other month items

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|------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|--------------------|
| 1. Ketchup | 4. Jelly | 7. Coffee | 10. Mustard |
| 2. White Vinegar (not gallon size) | 5. Mayonnaise | 8. Flour | 11. Sugar |
| 3. Oil | 6. Salt | 9. Tea | 12: Salad dressing |

Free health screenings

Mobile Outreach Bus



Tuesday April 16, 2024
9am-2pm

Parish Social Ministry
Parking Lot Half Hollow Road
Ss. Cyril & Methodius

Services for adults (18 and older):

Brief cardiac history
Blood pressure screening
BMI screening
Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
Health education
Referrals as needed
Resources for those without insurance

FOR SALE

SSCM 50th Anniversary
t-shirts available for
purchase at the Parish
Office. \$5



GIFT CARDS

For sale at the parish office during office hours.
The list is what we currently have in stock. If
there is something else that you would like,
please call 631-667-4044 ext. 110.

**As requested, we now have
Olympic Diner Gift Cards!**

**An easy way when giving gifts to your family
and friends, while SUPPORTING your parish!**



Amazon, Kohl's , Texas Roadhouse - **\$100**

Panera, Stop & Shop, Kohl's., Texas Roadhouse - **\$50**

Apple Bees, Barnes & Noble - **\$25**

CVS, Dick's Sporting Goods - **\$25**

Home Depot, Kohl's, Lowe's,

Macy's, Michael's, Olympic Diner - **\$25**

Panera, Pet Smart, Red Lobster,

Regal Movie, Rite Aid, Shutterfly - **\$25**

Speedway, Staples, Stop & Shop, Tanger Outlets - **\$25**

Target, Texas Roadhouse, Walgreens - **\$25**

Dunkin Donuts, Panera, Regal Movie, Starbucks - **\$10**

REUSABLE BAG SALE



**Strong and
Eco-Friendly**

BRING YOUR OWN BAG

Available for purchase at the Parish Office. \$2.00 per Bag

Proceeds go to

MENTAL HEALTH PARISH PROGRAMS

BINGO

EVERY THURSDAY - Fr Behan Hall
DOOR OPENS 6:00 PM